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SUBJ: GREEK-AMERICAN COMMANDO UNITS REPORTED BY TURKISH
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1. APRIL 22 HURRIYET PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE FROM
ITS ATHENS CORRESPONDENT HEADLINED, "THE GREEKS IN AMERICA
ARE GOING TO FIGHT IN CYPRUS." THE ARTICLE CITED AS
THE SOURCE OF ITS INFORMATION A DR. ARIS DIMITRIADIS,
IDENTIFIED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN GREEK
ASSOCIATION, WHO WAS SAID TO BE VISITING ATHENS TO CONFER
WITH GREEK PRIMIN CARAMANLIS. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE
DR. DIMITRIADIS, WHO STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN A FRIEND OF
PRES. FORD DURING THEIR UNIVERSITY DAYS, SAID THAT "COMMANDO
UNITS" HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE U.S. WHICH WERE "READY
TO SMASH THE FACE OF DEMIREL'S TURKEY. THE GREEKS
IN AMERICA HAVE ESTABLISHED COMMANDO UNITS TO FIGHT
AGAINST THE TURKS IN CYPRUS AND IN GREECE (SIC). THESE UNITS
ARE BEING EQUIPPED WITH WEAPONS PURCHASED WITH MONEY
SECURED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. THERE ARE HIGH-RANKING
GREEK-ORIGIN OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN ARMY BEHIND THESE
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PREPARATIONS."

2. DR. DIMITRIADIS IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID, "WE,
THE AMERICANS OF GREEK ORIGIN, HAVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES
IN TURKEY. THE INTELLIGENCE PROVIDED BY THEM ABOUT THE
ACTIVITIES OF TURKEY ARE CONVEYED TO THE
EMER PLACES
AND WE ARE TAKING COUNTERMEASURES."

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND DEPARTMENT AND
EMBASSY ATHENS MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.
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